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SUBJECT: EFFECTS AT REGIONAL, PROVINCIAL AND LOCAL LEVEL OF  
PCI ENTRY INTO NATIONAL PARLIAMENTARY MAJORITY

1. EMBASSY APPRECIATES AND REGARDS AS HIGHLY USEFUL THE  
REPORTING AND EVALUATION SUBMITTED BY SOME OF THE CON-  
STITUENT POSTS ON THE EFFECTS OF LOCAL, PROVINCIAL AND  
REGIONAL GOVERNMENTS OF PCI ENTRY IN THE NATIONAL PARLIA-  
MENTARY MAJORITY. IN SOME AREAS (SICILY AND CALABRIA),  
FORMATION OF THE NEW ANDREOTTI GOVERNMENT HAS ALREADY CON-  
DITIONED CHANGES IN THE REGIONAL GOVERNMENT FRAMEWORK;  
ELSEWHERE (LOMBARDY, CAMPAGNA, ETC.), MODIFICATIONS APPEAR  
TO BE IN THE WORKS.

2. WE WOULD VALUE YOUR COMMENTS AND CONTINUING ATTENTION  
TO THIS SUBJECT, PARTICULARLY IN CONNECTION WITH ASSESSMENT  
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OF MOOD AND ATTITUDES OF PUBLIC AND LOCAL POLITICAL  
LEADERS TOWARD LARGE-SCALE ADMINISTRATIVE ELECTIONS  
SCHEDULED FOR MAY 14. HOW IS DC PORTRAYING NEW GOVERN-  
MENT FORMULA TO BASE AND PUBLIC AT GRASS ROOTS LEVEL?  
NOW THAT DC HAS ACCEPTED PCI PARTICIPATION IN PARLIA-  
MENTARY MAJORITY (ALBEIT FOR PERCEIVED LACK OF  
ALTERNATIVES AND FOR EMERGENCY REASONS), WHAT

ELECTORAL STANCE WILL IT ADOPT TO CONTEST PCI VOTES  
IN ADMINISTRATIVE POLLING? WHAT POSITION IS PCI  
TAKING? WHAT OF PSI AND LAY PARTIES, INCLUDING  
THE SPECIAL CASE OF THE LIBERALS NOW THAT THEY HAVE  
GONE INTO THE OPPOSITION AT NATIONAL LEVEL? WHAT ROLE WILL  
CHURCH AND CATHOLIC ORGANIZATIONS PLAY? HOW EFFECTIVE  
IS MILLE (CITIZENS-ACTION GROUP) IN YOUR AREA?

3. WE REALIZE THAT MORO KIDNAPPING HAS INTRODUCED  
MANY NEW AND STILL UNPREDICTABLE FACTORS THAT MAY  
REALLY ALTER ANY ASSESSMENT OF THE EFFECTS OF THE  
NEW GOVERNMENT ARRANGEMENT AT THE REGIONAL AND LOCAL  
LEVEL. DEPENDING ON HOW THE MORO CASE COMES OUT,  
THE KIDNAPPING MAY BLUR THE POLITICAL SIGNIFICANCE  
THAT THE ADMINISTRATIVE ELECTIONS MIGHT HAVE HELD. WE  
WOULD BE INTERESTED IN LEARNING OF SIGNIFICANT  
TRENDS AND ATTITUDES THAT DEVELOP AS RESULT OF  
MORO KIDNAPPING SUCH AS:

-- CHANGING ATTITUDES TOWARD ANDREOTTI GOVERNMENT AND  
LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES.

-- EVIDENCE OF AN ORCHESTRATED CAMPAIGN IN SUPPORT  
OF NATIONAL EMERGENCY GOVERNMENT AS NECESSARY TO  
MEET THE CRISIS.

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-- SHIFTS OF ELECTORAL SYMPATHY TO OR FROM DC OR  
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